



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced above average amounts of moisture. Temperatures averaged below normal levels. These conditions are benefitting pasture and rangeland and should improve late season crops. Producers were allowed 4.6 days in the field for operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	25	60	11
Last Week	20	40	36	4
Last Year	15	38	44	3

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	25	38	35	2
Last Week	31	42	26	1
Last Year	12	39	46	3

Small Grains: Spring barley completed the turning color stage and was 25 percent harvested in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 89 percent turning color, 20 percent harvested and is rated in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: The 2008 corn crop completed the silking stage. The crop was 48 percent at or beyond the dough stage with the crop in mostly fair to good condition last week. Sorghum was 85 percent headed, 70 percent turning color, and 1 percent mature with the crop in mostly fair condition by week's end.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 17, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	1	7	24	45	23
Last Year	0	4	23	45	28
Spring Wheat					
This Week	1	10	28	40	21
Last Year	1	3	27	39	30

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions across Colorado were rated mostly fair to very poor. Second cutting alfalfa was 89 percent complete while third cutting was 18 percent complete. The crop was rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle were rated average while sheep and lambs were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated below average.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending August 17, 2008

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2008	19	29	34	16	2
Prev. Year - 2007	4	10	34	41	11
5-Year Avg.	12	22	36	25	5

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Development Ratings for Week Ending August 17, 2008

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Spring Barley				
Harvested	25	21	42	39
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	89	79	99	99
Harvested	20	15	27	38
Corn				
Silked	100	96	100	94
Dough	48	26	50	36
Dent	12	3	11	8
Corn Silage				
Harvested	2	0	2	3
Sorghum				
Headed	85	77	76	70
Turning Color	70	59	20	12
Mature	1	0	2	0
Dry Beans				
Flowered	85	80	87	86
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	89	85	96	87
3 rd Cutting	18	10	15	17
Dry Onions				
Harvested	7	1	8	15
Summer Potatoes				
Harvested	5	3	5	15

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley	1	7	24	45	23
Spring Wheat	1	10	28	40	21
Corn	7	14	33	33	13
Alfalfa	1	9	33	41	16
Dry Onions	3	4	22	54	17
Summer Potatoes	8	8	15	53	16
Fall Potatoes	0	7	25	47	21
Dry Beans	1	3	20	56	20
Sugarbeets	3	4	22	47	24
Sunflowers	8	15	37	28	12
Sorghum	6	15	50	28	1
Livestock	1	8	21	62	8

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.